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COMPATRIOTS!

ETA announces:
Soviet Estonian noted red writer Rudolf Sirge received as visitor by Estonians in Toronto.

A secret meeting has taken place at the home of Mr. Karl Eerme in the Estonian apartment block at 6 Corinth Gdns. Toronto, on the evening of Monday Sept. 21st until the early morning of Tuesday. Mr. EErme is a member of the Estonian Central Council Executive, chairman of its Cultural Committee, and the director of the Cultural Archives. The purpose of the secret meeting was to meet with Rudolf Sirge, a noted red writer from Soviet Estonia, who has also been a member of the Destruction Battalionsand who was in Toronto during the weekend as a member of the eleven men Cultural Delegation from the Soviet Union.

Present atthe meeting were writer Salme Ekbaum, critic and poet Johannes Oja, writer Magda Pihla and the editor of the journal "Vaba Eesti"(Free Estonia), Arvo Naelapea, and also others.

The Estonian newspapers and our National Political Battle Organisation (Estonian Central Council) were not informed of this meeting. Thereby our important organs had been ignored and "the people arranging the meeting" have acted on their own without any sense of responsibility. Later, upon sobering,have these people become tightliped and are not giving any information about the meeting. They have also tried to do everything possible for the purpose of preventing the spread of the truth among their compatriots.

On the twentieth anniversary of our exile has the "intelligencia" among the Toronto Estonians rushed with open arms to receive the communist functionary and thereby taken steps which brake up the unity and political thinking among our exiled group. This action will directly be of damage to our fight "for political freedom".

At about the sametime our war hero, Colonel A. Rebane was visiting Estonians in Toronto. His speech showed us clear objectives and

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reminded us of the promises made while we were fleeing Estonia. Our battle organisations have until now done their best to explain and to oppose the tempting sounds of the red sirens--until Monday night when this joint battle front collapsed.

Since there are reasons to believe that the essential information which should belong to the public will be suppressed by those who were at the meeting, this present bulletin considers its duty to be to present briefly what has happened.

On Sunday Sept. 20th, R.Sirge was in touch with Salme Ekbaum and informed her that he had greetings and a parcel to give her from Minni Nurm in Estonia, and expressed also his desire to meet with other literary people in Toronto for the purpose of exchanging thoughts with them and to give necessary information. Following that suitable contacts were made and a meeting was arranged for Monday night. The host, Karl Eerme, drove R.Sirge from the "King Edward" hotel to hhs apartment where the invited group was already waiting. Detailed information regarding what was discussed there and what information was passed along is not available. However, it is known that it was not until just before daybrake on Tuesday when the group left and Mr. Sirge wad driven back to his hotel.

We consider it our duty to present factual information taken from Soviet Estonian sources regarding "who is who" among the authors' functionaries in Estonia.

R. Sirge, born:1904 in Tartu. Beginning 1940 a so called builder of new life. Secretary of the WritersAssociation of the Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic. Rewarded the Order "Mark of Respect" for his services to the population.

Minni Nurme, born:1917 in the province of Viljandi. Went to the Soviet Union atthe beginning of the war, with her husband, Aadu Hint. Since 1944, member of the ESSR, Authors' Union.

Aadu Hint, born:1910 in Muhu. Was an active executor of the 1940

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June communist takeover. The person who brought Estonian literature under communism. Editor of "Communist"and "Five Corners". Awarded with Orders for services as an author of the public. Member of the ESSR Presidium.

Members of the"Committee for Developing Cultural Ties with Estonians in Exile" and "The Society for Developing Cultural Ties and Friedship with Foreign Countries", in Tallinn, have started very hard work in order to reach their objectives. They publish the prppaganda journal "Homeland". This here was the first attempt to make contact with Estonians in Canada and to break the resistance of the Estonians in exile.

WHERE WILL BE THE NEXT BLOW BELOW THE BELT? WHO ARE THE NEXT HOSES? WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

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ETA announces: BULLETIN #2.

COMPATRIOTS!

IN ORDER TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND TO STOP ALL KINDS OF GOSSIP BY CERTAIN GROUPS, ETA CONSIDERS ITS DUTY TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING;

ETA considers its purpose to disseminate information based only on facts and the true state of affairs, this until the time when the Estonian newspapers in the free world have again found their proper place in our community as impartial disseminators of news. They have now fallen onto the level of the occupation times when one could find the truth only by reading between the lines.

Nationalistic Estonians behind the ETA can no longer remain only but silent spectators while in the last few years they have observed the work of some of our people in some organizations founded by us, noticing the wiggling of the red worm into our Toronto Estonian community, into the community which until now has been considered one of the more immune castles against the communist propaganda of lies. We have nothing to learn from the yield--to-communists policy of the western countries.

ETA will continue to issue bulletins until the "sick-teeth" have been extracted. This will naturally cause pain to several involved people and their friends, but helps to preserve the healthy ones who, being strong and willing to act, will form a compact Estonian community to fend off the next possible attacks by Tim Buck.

How such a national-political scandal could take place in Toronto, caused by our writers, artists and other leading persons will remain a riddle to everybody. Likely the motives why these people took such a shameful step will also remain a secret. Were they paid, or did they act because of ideological reasons? Were they frightened into this, or did they meet the red functionaryes only because of petty desire for fame? Nothing is known! Nobody knows! Even our political organisation, Estonian Central Council, does not know--it only wishes to remain silent.

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or is it forced to silence by some invisible force? One thing they nevertheless know and, after two special meetings of the executive, they have published their firm conclusion that the guilty ones in this scandal are not their friends Ekbaums, Eermes, Ojas, Pihlas, Naelapeas who naively went to the secret meeting with the red emissary, R. Sirge, but instead the guilty party is the publishers of ETA, who dared to lift the cloak of secrecy from the activities of some of our people, and informed with their bulletin #1 our exiled community which was in the dark.---"All cannons of accusation must be aimed at the publishers of ETA" is the present slogan of our Credit Union, Central Council and Newspaper editors, with the purpose of forcing to silence the "men on the street", who is politically ignorant and unable to criticize our "higher society" and their actions.

The former soldiers cannot remain silent, nor in the lines of the spectators any longer. When, twenty years ago, we aimed our fire toward the enemy at Maaksa, Luunja, Kavastu, Narva-Tartu or at Meristu, now by force of circumstances guns must be replaced by pencils, pens or the typewriter. Our biggest and most cruel enemy, communism, has not changed nor has it satisfied its appetite after occupying the agonizing homeland of the Estonians, after enslaving our people, or after deporting them to Siberia. No, the red fingers are stretching themselves now after our exiles in the western hemisphere in order to destroy, break-up and shatter, just as they are doing to our people in the homeland.---This was the job R. Sirge was given by Moscow, to make contact and communicate with our intellectuals in Toronto. The R.C.M.P. and C.I.A. organizations were aware of these moves--but not our leaders! Can the gentlemen and ladies in our "higher society" still not smell the danger into which they are pushing our exiled group, if they prefer to defend their naive friends and their actions with silence? Do you really believe that Sirge's blow below the belt remains the last? Do

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you not remember which "straight blows"(Sirge equal—to straight) Mr. Suurvali aimed at Estonians in Stockholm? Can you not recall Haaman's blows below the belt in New York or Sweden? Do you still believe that your geniuslike brains helped you flee from Estonia rather than Estonian soldiers who in their blood and sweat defended the battlefront so as to give you time to back up and flee before the red onslaught of 1944, in September? Do you still not understand that it is "to the man on the street" to whom you owe your present positions in our community rather than your personal luck and ability?

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In order that nobody in our exiled group would have double thoughts we shall look back on events in connection with the red emissary Sirges visits to the apartments of Ekbaum and Eenne. Nor is it without interest to look back on meetings in November, 1963 and Spring 1964 which may or may not be in connection with the present activities. The people listed below "the who is who" does not necessarily mean that one or another is red, pink, yellow or green--nevertheless this should remove the desire of future emissaries from Moscow to contact and disturb these people, since they have been warned.

Mr. H. Oja who is a member of the executive of the Estonian Writers Association started in the late Fall of 1963 a collection among Estonians in Toronto in order to honor Dr. Ivar Grunthal from Sweden with an invitation. Since the majority of our compatriots did not know who Dr. I. Grunthal is, they remained rather cool and noncommital to H. Ojas action.

Nevertheless Dr. Grunthal arrived in Toronto and here a number of our intellectuals organised for him a reception with coffee in the social rooms of O. Puhm's church. Subsequently, numerous interesting facts have become apparent regarding the aforementioned person, who is the editor-in-chief of the periodical " Mana" and super-active writer,

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having translated numerous poems by red poets in Soviet Estonia, into Swedish. According to known information is Dr. I. Grunthal the only Estonian who in the beginning of this year along with Kolk-Laaban sent a telegram from Sweden to Spain, the text of which was as follows: "Greetings to our colleagues who are perishing in fascist prisons" undersigned, Ivar Grunthal. This telegram was also printed prominently in some Estonian newspapers which are published in Sweden.

The general meeting of ECC was held on April 25, 1964 in the Estonian house. Heino Joe was elected chairman of the meeting. During discussion of usual problems and questions, a resolution was presented by E.Salurand-U. Jurimaa for the approval by the meeting to aid our battle against communism. The resolution was as follows: "the general meeting of ECC condemns propagation of ideologies of any kind of co-existence among the Estonian community in exile, as proclaimed by the previous council, ie. anti-communist fighting, and abstention from any kind of contact with communist functionaries, including visits to the occupied home country". The following voted for the resolution: Salurand-Veidebaum-Jurimaa-Urm-Kala-Lupp-Heine, Riisna and Tralla, that is nine votes. Against the resolution, i.e. for co-existance with communists voted: Joe, Kareda, Pahapill, Herma, Pats, Trass, Kova ja Perkma-- that is eight votes against. Announcing the result of the votes, chairman Heino Joe called it a shameful decision for the meeting. A protest was raised against this statement and H. Joe was remvod from his post as chairman.--Let the above be an introduction to the events which started this Fall, on the 19th of September, when the eleven member cultural delegation from the Soviet Union arrived in Toronto with a member of the destruction battalion R. Sirge as one of the group.

After the delegation had seutled in the King Edward hotel, the red writer from Soviet Estonia, who has been honored with red Order,

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contacted Salme Ekbaum, for whom he had a parcel and greetings from her sister Minni Nurm. As we mentioned in the previous bulletin, Minni Nurm is since 1944 a member of the Writers Union of the ESSR and married to Adu Hint, member of the ESSR Presedium who was also an active participant in the June (1940) change of government and an "author of the people", crowned with Orders in the pesent Soviet Estonia. The two sisters, Salme Ekbaum and Minni Nurm, have a brother, H. Neumann, who is living in St. Catharines where he fled after the unsuccessful communist uprising in the republic of Estonia in 1924. Sirge, having as a high guest from far away tasted the kindness of the Ekbaums' as hosts for two days in Toronto, also expressed the desire to meet others among our writers & artists, for which reason contact was made with Eerme, Oja, Pihla and Naelapea. Supposedly, H. Oja phoned also many others among our intellectuals, but they supposedly refused to sit at the same table with the red functionary.

The people mentioned above met, however, in Eermes' home in the Estonian apartment block on the 21st of September in the evening and left the party not until early morning of the following day, when the host, Eerme, drove personally his famous guest back to his hotel.

What was discussed at that meeting and what propositions were made, or accepted--nobody knows. Eerme, however, as a member of the executive of ECC had betrayed the principles of our battle organizations, no matter what he would say, if he says anything at all to anybody?---- After that, stories started to move around among the Estonians in Toronto regarding this secret meeting, about which ECC and the representatives of the newspapers wished to keep silent from the public. Hundreds of our compatriots who were more or less aware of what had happened waited for seven days until it was decided to force our newspapers to publish the truth. It was for this purpose that the ETA bulletin was prepared on September 28th.

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At the same time that the facts were being given to the public, there was ~~a meeting~~ a special meeting of the ECC executive in the Estonian House, where Mr. Eerme had been asked to present his "report". The chairman of the meeting was the present ECC president H. Parkma. As expected, there was a lot of discussion during the meeting, Eerme asked to be relieved of the work of the executive, apologized for his naive behavior, but did not submit to anybody any report in connection with the meeting with Sirge in his apartment. Therefore, subsequent announcements in the Estonian newspapers in Toronto are false and completely misleading to the public. More about this below.
At that meeting the trio Parkma-Trass-Toi were acting as defenders of K. Eerme, using all kinds of legal tricks; it was also decided not to include in the agenda of the general meeting on October 31st, the question about Eerme, since the executive had already accepted his resignation and "the guilty one" would be forgotten by that time. In the interest of the public the meeting also suggested that this scandalous story should be subdued and softened so as not to give rise to panic among the people.

However, the situation changed on the following day, when the VTA bulletin had reached its readers. If you, the reader, will follow the subsequent editions of our newspapers in Toronto (reproduced on the reverse) you will convince yourselves how incomplete and inaccurately their statements in "The Free Estonian" are. Black Joe, alias Heino Joe, in his column "Sirge ja Kover"(Straight and Crooked) puts everything into one kettle--be it the Russians, the communists or the publishers of the VTA, The main thing is that it is still anti-red and maybe this helps some naive people to forget his speech delivered on February 21st, 1964 at the University of Waterloo, during the Independence Day celebration of the Estonian Republic. What a pity that H. Joe did not

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name us reds at the time when we were on the battlefront at Tartu giving him time to flee to Sweden!

ETA is in complete agreement with the editorial in "Free Estonia" of October 10th, under the heading "Our Position" by the "L", with the exception of those ten lines in the middle where the author thoughtlessly calls the editors of the bulletin communists. This remark may have been caused by the pressure exerted by some business partner.

The editorials "Our Life" reflect, however, the slogan of the Estonian Credit Union and ECC, where it is thought that the death penalty is too light a penalty for the publishers of the ETA bulletin! The author of the editorial "Anonymity Should Not Be Ours" forgets his own professional ethics, leaving the article without any initials. Does he really believe that his editorial represents the broad collegium and the editorialstaff of "Our Life"?-!

The last resolution of the ECC executive sounds too dictatorial, where a small dictator submits his written memorandum to the executive for confirmation. The text is the following with a big heading: "Estonians in exile continue their struggle unchanged", the sub-heading is: "ECC condemns the anonymous bulletin and the spreading of gossip" in the two column article there is, however, not a single word said about who really caused this national big scandal in Toronto. Was it the publishers of ETA who, based on factual knowledge, informed our exiled group and forced our silent newspapers to this--or was it the traitors of our principles, ekbaums, eermes, ojas, pihlas, naelapeas? It should be obvious even to a blind man that everything is not in order with our ECC executive which accepts its orders from our Credit Union--not as it should be in a nationalistically spund Estonian community! And we are not afraid of your threats in the ECC just as we were not afraid of the enemy at quote"Sinimaed", nor are we afraid that it may discover our firing positions--we are not afraid of you

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or of other co-existencialists behind the writing desks in Toronto!

After the appearance of ETA bulletin #1 in connection with Sirge's attempt to drive a wedge among the Estonians in Toronto, many of our compatriots (atthe moment 23 cases known) have received threatening letters from unknown people, where the texts are as follows: "Think of your relatives", "Otay away from the present occurrdnces", "If you do not refrain from attacking certain people, your friends and relatives will suffer", these are three of the known vabiations of threatening letters, written by hand as well as prepared on the typewriter. Maybe there are more? Does the ECC plan to protest to the emissaries from Moscow? Had K. Eerme been entrusted with more positions in our organizations, or only in the executive of the ECC? Which archive materials belonging to Estonians, and in what quantities, where these under the control of K. Eerme on the 15th of October, 1964? ETA requests public answers to the Estonian community from the secretariat of the ECC in the two Estonian papers of Toronto"Free Estonian" and "Our Life" placed in a clear, easily seen position, in regards to the questions raised above!
October 16, 1964

On the fourth page of the bulletin, there are excerpts from Estonian newspapers. ETA asks its readers to observe the brief notices and small headings, when the misdeeds of the friends of the ECC where discussed, and the large heading and longer article, when the ETA bulletin was condemned.

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